

Appln No. 09/990,903

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Reply to Office action of December 23, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 27-33 are pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 30 are independent. Claims 1, 4 and 30 have been amended. The amendments add no new matter and find full support in the application as originally filed. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and a timely indication of allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 27-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being incomplete for omitting essential elements. Specifically, the Examiner states the means by which the tab is moved from the locking position to the neutral position is an omitted element. Claims 1 and 30 have each been amended to recite a second area of the tab which is contacted to allow for a rotational movement of the tab relative to the emboss.

The amendments to claims 1 and 30 are supported by the original specification, for example at page 14, lines 12-26; and page 15, lines 5-19. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 27-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 27-33 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully

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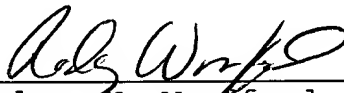
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submits that the amendments to claims 1 and 30 overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 27-33 are in condition for allowance, and a timely indication of allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed by telephone, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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